REGULATIONS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

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REGULATIONS.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the better government and regulation of themselves and of the Chapters under their jurisdiction, do ordain and establish the following General and Particular Regulations.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

This Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of the following officers, to wit:

Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Three Grand Masters of the Veils, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, G. Chaplains, G. Lecturers, G. Stewards, G. Tyler, together with Past G. High Priests, Past Deputy G. High Priests, Kings and Scribes, and of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, for the time being, of the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, all of whom shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Chapter, except the Grand Tyler.

ARTICLE II.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall hold four communications in a year; to wit, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December, of which the communication in September shall be the annual communication, and the time for the choice of officers, of whom the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, King, Scribe, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, three Masters of the Veils, Treasurer and Secretary, shall be elected by ballot; and the others shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest, so chosen; all of whom, if present, shall be duly installed on that day, or at such other time as the Grand Chapter shall designate; and if any of said officers shall be absent at the time of his election or appointment, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to forward him due notice thereof, with a request that he would signify his acceptance or refusal in writing, within twenty days at least preceding the next regular meeting of the Grand Chapter; and should any of said officers decline accepting the office assigned him, or neglect to give notice thereof within the time aforesaid, then such office shall be deemed vacant, and filled at the next regular meeting of said Grand Chapter. And all other

vacancies of office, by resignation or otherwise, shall be filled at the regular communication, next succeeding the same. And all communications of the Grand Chapter shall hereafter be holden in Boston.

ARTICLE III.

All Grand officers at the time of their installation, shall make the following declaration: "I, A. B., do solemnly promise on the honor of a Royal Arch Mason, that according to the utmost of my knowledge and ability, I will strictly comply with all the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, the Constitution and Laws of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and all other ancient Masonic usages."

ARTICLE IV.

In case of the absence of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, it shall be the duty of the oldest past officer of those grades respectively to preside, and in case of the absence of all the past officers, the High Priest of the oldest Chapter present, shall preside.

ARTICLE V.

No person shall be eligible to the office of

Grand High Priest for more than three years successively.

ARTICLE VI.

It shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest to appoint one or more discreet and well informed Companions, to be styled Grand Lecturer, who shall be commissioned by the Grand High Priest, with the seal of the Grand Chapter affixed, and attested by the Grand Secretary, which commission shall be in force until the conclusion of the annual communication in September, and no longer.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturer, when requested by any subordinate Chapter, and directed by the Grand High Priest, to visit any Chapter under this jurisdiction, and teach them the lectures, mode of work, and all things appertaining to the interest of the degrees, and government of the Chapter; and the Chapter so employing him shall make him a reasonable compensation for his services.

He shall keep a record of his proceedings and submit it to the inspection of the Grand High Priest when required, and shall make no alterations in the lectures without permission of the Grand Chapter. The system established by the

Grand Chapter, and taught by the Grand Lecturer, shall be the standard for the regulation of all Chapters under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE VII.

A committee of three shall be appointed at the annual meeting, immediately after the Installation of the Grand Officers, to be styled the COMMITTEE OF FINANCE, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit all bills presented against the Grand Chapter, together with the Grand Treasurer's and Secretary's accounts and books, and report at the annual communication in September, previously to the election of officers.

ARTICLE VIII.

Every petition for a warrant to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall be signed by at least nine regular Royal Arch Masons within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, which petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Chapter within this Commonwealth, nearest the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending to the Grand Chapter to grant them a warrant; and if it shall meet the approbation of

this Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest shall grant his dispensation for the same, to be in force not exceeding twelve months, and during that time the members of said Chapter shall be examined with regard to their ability to perform the requisite duties, by a committee to be appointed by the Grand High Priest; said committee to report to the Grand High Priest, and if their report meet his approbation, he shall within the year aforesaid, unless a further time is granted by a vote of the Grand Chapter, appoint a time for the Consecration of said Chapter and Installation of the officers, and direct the Secretary to make out a charter to bear even date with the dispensation, and said Chapter shall pay fifty cents per month for the time it shall have held its warrant.

And if a majority of the members of any Chapter, at a regular meeting notified for that purpose, shall vote to remove their Chapter to any other place, the Grand Chapter may sanction and authorize such removal, if recommended by the Chapter nearest to the place to which the Chapter is proposed to be removed.

The fees for the charter shall be paid upon receiving the dispensation, and all expenses of the Grand Chapter for the Installation of the new Chapter shall be paid by the Chapter installed.

ARTICLE IX.

No warrant shall be granted by this Grand Chapter for holding a Mark Masters', Past Masters', or M. E. Masters' Lodge, independent of a Royal Arch Chapter.

ARTICLE X.

The fees for a warrant for holding a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and opening Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, shall be ninety dollars; and the Secretary shall be paid by the petitioners five dollars for his services in executing the charter.

ARTICLE XI.

The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall pay for the support thereof, into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, annually, the sum of six dollars, and also three dollars for every candidate, who shall be exalted in such Chapter, and shall be entitled to receive of the Grand Secretary one diploma for each candidate exalted.

ARTICLE XII.

Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons under this jurisdiction, shall be represented by its High Priest, King and Scribe, or either of them,

in person or by their respective proxies, at every meeting of the Grand Chapter; and at the annual communication in September, make a duplicate return of the names of its officers and members and of the candidates by it exalted, (one of which returns shall be held by the Grand Treasurer and the other by the Chapter) and pay their dues to the Grand Treasurer. If any Chapter under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble once in any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Chapter for two years in succession,or shall fail for two successive years to make a return of its officers and members and pay its dues to this Grand Chapter; then, and in either case, of delinquency, the said Chapter shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Chapter its charter, with its records, jewels, regalia and furniture, together with its monitary and all other property of every description.

ARTICLE XIII.

No candidate shall be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason by any Chapter under this jurisdiction for a less sum than twentyfive dollars, and no candidate shall be balloted for until said fee shall be paid, and no note of hand shall be taken by any Chapter for the fees, or any part of

the fees, due on the exaltation or advancement of any candidate.

ARTICLE XIV.

The application of any and every candidate, who is a resident in this Commonwealth, for exaltation in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant; and said application shall lay over one meeting of said Chapter at least,for the consideration of the members thereof, and no ballot shall be taken upon the application of any candidate within fourteen days from the meeting at which he was proposed, unless in cases of emergency, when a dispensation from the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King or Grand Scribe, shall be obtained; and no candidate shall be received or admitted to the degrees, without a unanimous vote in his favor.

ARTICLE XV.

No candidate, residing in any town where a Chapter is holden under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted in any other Chapter within this jurisdiction, without a recommendation from nine members of the Chapter, nearest the place where said candidate may reside, of whom the High Priest, King and Scribe, shall be three.

ARTICLE XVI.

No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall receive for exaltation to the sublime degress, a candidate who is resident in another of the United States, where Grand or subordinate Chapters are established, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the General Grand Chapter, and whose place of residence is within the distance of fifty miles from any subordinate Chapter of the State, in which such candidate lives,unless said candidate's application be accompanied by a special recommendation from a majority of the officers, one of whom must be the High Priest, King, or Scribe of the Chapter nearest the place of his residence, and in the State wherein he resides; or the approbation and recommendation of two of the four first officers of the Grand Chapter of the State wherein he resides, and six members of some one Chapter under the jurisdiction of said Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XVII.

An applicant to any Chapter under this jurisdiction for the sublime degrees, who is a foreigner, or not a resident of any of the United States, where Chapters are held agreeably to the regulations of the General Grand Chapter of said States, must have his application written and

signed by himself and four members of the Chapter to which he applies for exaltation, or by himself and six members of other Chapters under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE XVIII.

No candidate, whose application may be rejected in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted in any Chapter,other than that to which he first applied, without a recommendation from nine members of said Chapter, of whom the High Priest, King and Scribe shall be three; and it shall be the duty of every Chapter under this jurisdiction to communicate all rejections of candidates to the several Chapters under this jurisdiction, as well as to this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XIX.

No Royal Arch Mason shall be admitted a member of any Chapter under this jurisdiction, unless he shall have regularly received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason; nor without an unanimous vote in his favor.

ARTICLE XX.

No Royal Arch Mason shall be a member of

two separate and distinct Chapters under this jurisdiction at one and the same time.

ARTICLE XXI.

No Chapter or assembly of Royal Arch Masons, that may hereafter be formed within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall be deemed legal without the sanction of a warrant from this Grand Chapter. Masonic communication, either public or private, is hereby strictly forbidden between any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction, or between any member of said Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction, and any Chapter or Lodge that may be so illegally opened, or either of their members, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter or Lodge.

The punishment for breach of any part of this article shall be expulsion and exclusion from the benefits of this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XXII.

The High Priest, King and Scribe of any Chapter, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, when not able to attend the communications, shall appoint their proxies by a commission signed with their names, to which their seal shall be affixed; which commission shall continue in force only during the year for which the said High Priest, King, or Scribe was elected.

PARTICULAR REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

At every communication of this G. Chapter, previous to the transaction of any business, the Chapter shall be opened in due form.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of subordinate Chapters, who attend the communication of the Grand Chapter, must appear clothed in their proper jewels.

ARTICLE III.

Every officer of a Chapter under this jurisdiction, who, as such, has a right to sit and vote in this Grand Chapter, shall, in case of his absence at any communication, have a right to be represented therein by his proxy duly appointed; provided, however, such proxy be not under the degree of Royal Arch Mason, and that he be a member of a Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter. In case of the absence of the High Priest, the King shall wear his jewel, the Scribe shall wear the King's jewel, and the proxy of the High Priest shall wear the Scribe's jewel. And in case of the absence of the King also, the Scribe shall wear his jewel, and the proxy of the King shall wear the Scribe's jewel.

The form of letters of proxy, shall be in substance as follows, viz :—

To the M. E. Gr. R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts.

BE IT KNOWN,

That pursuant to the authority given me by the G. R. A. C. of Mass. I, ——— ———, of —— Chapter, do, by these presents, constitute and appoint Companion ——, of ——, to represent me at the meetings of said Grand Chapter, to be holden at Boston, on the —— day of ——, [or, for the present Masonic year, as the case may be.]

Confirming the acts of said Companion, in his capacity aforesaid—I pray that he may enjoy all the privileges and protection to which I am entitled.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this —— day of ——, A. L. ——.

ARTICLE IV.

Every member of this Grand Chapter, and representative thereto, must appear properly clothed with the badges of a Royal Arch Mason.

ARTICLE V.

No Companion shall be admitted into this Grand Chapter, but such as are members and voters, except petitioners and witnesses, or those called in by motion. And no person shall be admitted as a visitor at any communication unless some member of said Grand Chapter, or Companion of right sitting in the same, will of his own knowledge, declare that such person desirous of being admitted, has regularly received all the degrees appertaining to Royal Arch Masonry, as conferred by the Chapters under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE VI.

Whereas it is essentially important, that the mode of working in the several Chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, should be uniformly the same; therefore the better to accomplish this desirable object, it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest, or presiding officer at every communication thereof to give, or cause to be given, the Mark and Royal Arch Lectures, that the officers of the several Chapters may be fully acquainted therewith, and dispense the knowledge of them in an uniform and regular manner in their several Chapters.

ARTICLE VII.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, at the annual communication in September, shall be audited, and for their services they shall receive such compensation as this Grand Chapter may deem adequate.

ARTICLE VIII.

Every return from the subordinate Chapters

shall specify the time when each candidate was marked, passed, acknowledged and exalted; and each Chapter shall pay to this Grand Chapter, for every candidate admitted to the degree of Mark Master, one dollar; to the degree of Past Master, fifty cents; to the degree of Most Excellent Master, fifty cents; and to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, one dollar.

ARTICLE IX.

When any member of a Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be accused of any offence, which if proved against him, would subject him to suspension or expulsion, the proceedings in the premises shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules.

1st. The accusations shall be made in writing under the signature of a Royal Arch Mason, and given in charge to the Secretary of the Chapter, who under the direction of the High Priest, shall serve or cause the accused to be served with an attested copy of the charges, fourteen days at least previous to the time appointed for his examination: *Provided* the residence of the offending Companion shall be known, and shall be within the distance of twenty miles of the place where the Chapter is located. If the residence of

the accused be at a greater distance than twenty miles, but within the State, then and in that case a summons to appear and show cause, forwarded to him by mail, or other conveyance, twenty days at least before the time of trial, shall be considered sufficient service. If the residence of the delinquent be unknown, the Chapter may proceed to examine the charges ex-parte.

2d. The examination of the charges shall be had in a Chapter specially notified and convened for the purpose; at which no visitors shall be admitted except as counsel or witnesses.

3d. The accused may select his own counsel, and the witnesses shall testify on their honor; hearsay evidence shall be excluded.

4th. The question, 'Is the accused guilty or not guilty?' shall be distinctly put to each member of the Chapter by name, commencing with the youngest member. The answer shall be given standing, and in a distinct and audible manner. The Secretary shall record the answer as given.

5th. If the verdict be suspension or expulsion, the proceedings shall be sent up at the ensuing meeting of this Grand Chapter for examination.

6th. A sentence of expulsion shall not take effect until confirmed by this Grand Chapter; but shall operate as a suspension of the delinquent.

7th. A Companion feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of a subordinate Chapter, shall have the right of an appeal to this Grand Chapter, he having given due and timely notice to the subordinate Chapter, of his intention so to appeal from its decision.

8th. Whenever this Grand Chapter shall reverse or abrogate the decision of a subordinate Chapter, suspending or expelling a Companion, and shall restore him to the benefits and privileges of Masonry, he shall not thereby be restored to membership within the body from which he was suspended or expelled, without its unanimous consent.

9th. In all respects, other than those here specified, the proceedings shall be conducted agreeably to the regulations of ancient craft Masonry.

ARTICLE X.

Each Chapter under this jurisdiction shall have a seal, which shall be affixed to all communications made to this Grand Chapter, and to all credentials which may be given by such Chapter to any member thereof.

ARTICLE XI.

Whenever the by-laws of any Chapter require

the names of candidates to be inserted in the notifications, a dispensation from a Grand Officer does not render such insertion unnecessary.

ARTICLE XII.

All motions made in the Grand Chapter, the determinations of which may require to be recorded, shall be handed in writing to the Secretary, who shall present them to the presiding officer for the time being.

ARTICLE XIII.

No vote of the Grand Chapter shall be reconsidered by a less number of voters than were present at the passing of the same.

ARTICLE XIV.

No article in the Constitution of this Grand Chapter shall be altered, except at the annual meeting thereof, unless the alteration shall have been proposed at a previous meeting.

ORDER OF CEREMONIES

IN

Constituting and Dedicating a R. A. Chapter,

WITH THE

INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS.

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1. The new Chapter will meet in their hall, and be in order.

2. The Grand Chapter will meet in an adjacent room and open.

3. A committee from the new Chapter will inform the Grand Marshal that their Chapter is prepared to receive the Grand Chapter; the Grand Marshal will announce the same to the Grand Chapter.

4. The committee will conduct a procession of the Grand Chapter to their hall, in the following order:—

Grand Tyler.
The Grand Stewards.
Representatives of Subordinate Chapters, according to seniority, by threes, triangular.
Three Great Lights.
Orator and Chaplains.

Grand Lecturer, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer.
Three Grand Masters of the Veils.
G. Royal Arch Capt., G. P. Sojourner, Deputy Grand High Priest.
Grand Scribe, Grand King, Grand High Priest.

(*Grand Capt. of the Host, as Marshal, on the left of the procession.*)

5. The officers of the new Chapter resign their seats to the Grand Chapter.

6. The Grand High Priest will direct the Grand Secretary to read the commission and report of the committee of examination.

7. The Grand High Priest, (all Companions, except past or present High Priest, duly qualified, having retired,) will direct the Deputy Grand High Priest to qualify the High Priest elect.

8. The Grand Marshal will then form a general procession in the following order:—

Three Royal Arch Stewards with rods.
Tyler of a blue Lodge.
Entered Apprentices.
Fellow Crafts.
Master Masons.
Stewards of Lodges having jewels.
Deacons, having jewels.
Secretaries, having jewels.
Treasurer, having jewels.
Wardens, having jewels.
Masters, having jewels.
Mark Master Masons.
Past Masters.

M. E. Masters.
Royal Arch Masons, by threes.
Select Masters.
Royal Masters.
Orders of Knighthood.
Tyler of the new Chapter.
Members of the new Chapter.
Officers of new Chapter, according to rank, by threes, the Council last.
Grand Chapter as before prescribed, and Guests of Distinction, are to precede the Orator and Grand Chaplain.

(*Capt. Host on the left of the procession.*)

9. The officers and members of the new Chapter, and also of the Grand Chapter, being seated, the Grand Master proclaims silence, and the ceremonies begin with

10. An Ode, Prayer and an Oration.

11. The Grand Marshal then directs the new Chapter to form in front of the Grand Chapter.

12. The Deputy Grand High Priest, then says, "Most Excellent Grand High Priest: a number of Companions duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, being desirous of promoting the honor and usefulness of the Order, have applied to the Grand Chapter for a warrant to constitute a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which having obtained, they are now assembled for the purpose of being constituted, and

having their officers installed in due and ancient form."

13. The Grand High Priest directs the Grand Secretary to read the warrant or charter, which is done.

14. The Grand High Priest then asks, "Do you still approve of the officers, as named therein?" which being answered in the affirmative,

15. The Grand High Priest then rises, and says, "By virtue of the high powers in me vested, I do form you, my worthy Companions, into a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. From henceforth you are authorized and empowered to open and hold a Lodge of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and to do and perform all such things as thereunto may appertain, conforming in all your doings to the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and the General Regulations of the State Grand Chapter. And may the God of your Fathers be with, guide and direct you, in all your doings."

16. The regalia of the new Chapter, being covered, having been placed on a table by the Grand Marshal, will then be uncovered by the Deputy Grand High Priest, King and Scribe,

assisted by the Grand Marshal and accompanied by solemn music.

17. The dedication then follows: the Grand Chaplain saying, "To our most excellent Patron Zerubabel, we solemnly dedicate this Chapter. May the blessing of our Heavenly High Priest descend and rest upon its members, and may their felicity be immortal. Glory be to God on High."

Response by the Companions.

"As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. So mote it be, Amen."

18. The Grand Marshal then says, "I am directed to proclaim, and I do hereby proclaim, this Chapter, by the name of —— Chapter, duly constituted and dedicated. This," &c.

19. An Ode.

20. The Deputy Grand High Priest presents the High Priest of the new Chapter to the Grand High Priest, and says, "Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I present you my worthy Companion —— —— nominated in the warrant, to be installed High Priest of this new Chapter. I find him to be skilful in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and have therefore no doubt that he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity."

21. The Grand High Priest then addresses the High Priest of the new Chapter, as follows :—

" *Most Excellent Companion,*

" You having been appointed to the honorable and responsible office of High Priest of this new Chapter, and having accepted that important trust, and received the Order of High Priesthood, I shall now proceed to install you into that office ; a station highly honorable to all those who diligently perform the important duties annexed to it. I shall not attempt particularly to enumerate those duties ; but only observe that, by a frequent recurrence to the Constitution and General Regulations, and a constant practice of the several sublime lectures and charges, you will be best able to fulfill them ; and I am persuaded that the Companions who are appointed to preside with you will give strength to your endeavors and support to your exertions.

I shall now propose certain questions to you, relative to the duties of your office, to which I must request your uneqivocal answer.

1. Do you solemnly promise, that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of those of your Brethren who have attained this sublime degree.

2. That you will never suffer your Chapter to be opened unless there be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons.

3. That you will never suffer either more or less than three Brethren to be exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time.

4. That you will not exalt any one to this degree, who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition ; or who has not made a considerable proficiency in the foregoing degrees.

5. That you will promote the general good of our Order, and on all proper occasions be ready to give and receive instructions, and particularly from the General and State Grand Officers.

6. That to the utmost of your power you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave, in open Chapter, with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your Companions.

7. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Chapter, that does not work under a constitutional warrant or dispensation.

8. That you will not admit any visitor into your Chapter who has not been exalted in a Chapter legally constituted, without his being first formally healed.

9. That you will observe and support such by-laws as may be made by your Chapter, in conformity to the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and the General Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

10. That you will pay due respect and obedience to the instructions of the General and State Grand Officers, particularly relating to

the several lectures and charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your Chapter.

11. That you will support and observe the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and the General Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter under whose authority you act.

12. That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of the same rules to which you have now assented.

Do you submit to all these things, and do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?—*(Assents.)*

"Let us kneel at the altar and invoke a blessing of the Deity." [All the Companions kneel.] Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

"Most Holy and Glorious Lord, God, the Great High Priest of heaven and earth.

"We approach thee with reverence and implore thy blessing on the Companion appointed to preside over the new assembly, and now prostrate before thee. Fill his heart with thy fear, that his tongue and actions may pronounce thy glory. Make him stedfast in thy service; grant him firmness of mind; animate his heart, and strengthen his endeavors. May he teach thy judgments and thy laws; and may the incense he shall put before thee, upon thine altar, prove an acceptable sacrifice unto thee. Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of his hands. Accept us in mercy; hear thou from Heaven, thy dwelling place, and forgive our transgressions.

"Glory be to God the Father. As it was in the beginning," &c. Response. "So mote it be."

Rise—clothe High Priest.

"*Most Excellent,*

"I now present and invest you with this Breastplate. It is the jewel and badge of the Order. Thus clothed you represent the great Joshua, son of Jozadack, High Priest of Israel, who presided at the first Grand Masonic Council at Jerusalem. Those stones represented the twelve tribes of Israel, and served to bring them in memorial before the Lord. They will remind you not only of the support and obedience you may expect from the members of your Chapter, but of your duty and obligation to them.

"In consequence of your cheerful acquiescence with the charges and regulations just recited, I now declare you duly installed and anointed High Priest of this Chapter, not doubting your determination to support the honor and reputation of our sublime Order.

"I now deliver into your hands the Charter under which you are to work; you will receive it as a sacred deposit, and never permit it to be used for any other purpose than those expressed in it.

"I present you with the Holy Bible, Square, and Compasses, the three great lights in every degree of Masonry. The doctrines contained in this sacred volume, create in us a belief in

the dispensations of Divine Providence, which belief strengthens our faith and enables us to ascend the first step of the Grand Masonic Ladder. This faith naturally produces in us a hope of becoming partakers of the promises expressed in this inestimable gift of God to man, which hope enables us to ascend the second step. But the third and last being Charity, comprehends the former, and will continue to exert its influence, when Faith shall be lost in sight, and Hope in complete enjoyment.

"By the Square and Compasses we are taught to circumscribe our desires, and practice the duties of friendship, morality and brotherly love.

"I present you with the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter; the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this Commonwealth; and also with the By-laws of your Chapter. You will cause all these to be frequently read and punctually obeyed.

"Lastly, I present you with this Mallet, a blow with which will command attention and restore order in the Chapter.

"And now, Most Excellent, permit me, in behalf of the Craft here assembled, to offer you our most sincere congratulations on your accession to the honorable station you now fill. I doubt not, you will govern with such order and regularity as to convince your Companions that their partiality has not been misplaced.

"Companions of ——— Chapter,—Behold your High Priest. [*They rise and bow, or if*

the installation be not public, salute him with the honors of Royal Arch Masonry.] Recollect that the prosperity of your Chapter will as much depend on your support, assistance, and obedience, as on his assiduity, information, and wisdom."

22. The Marshal of the Chapter will then present the second officer to the Deputy Grand High Priest, who will present him to the Grand High Priest. The Grand High Priest will then ask him whether he has attended to the ancient charges and regulations before recited to his superior officer: if he answers in the affirmative, he is asked whether he fully and freely assents to the same: if he answers in the affirmative, the Grand High Priest directs his Deputy to invest him with his clothing, &c. and then addresses him as follows:—

"*E. Companion,*

"You being appointed to the important office of King of this Chapter, the purple robe with which I have invested you, marks the exalted rank you now hold among your Companions. In the absence of the High Priest, it will be your duty to preside in the Chapter.

"I cover you with this crown, emblem of royalty. Permit me to remind you that to reign sovereign of the hearts and affections of your Companions, you must bring your passions and

prejudices under the dominion of reason and charity.

"I now invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office. Let it remind you, that although the representative of a King, as a Mason you should ever stand on a level with every worthy Brother.

"In the Chapter you will assist in the council, representing those worthies, who composed the first Grand Masonic Council at Jerusalem. May their bright example stimulate you to the faithful performance of every duty; and when the KING of KINGS shall summon you to his immediate presence, from his hand may you receive a crown of glory, which shall never fade away."

"*E. Companion*,

"You being appointed to the important office of Scribe of this Chapter, I invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office.

"While you stand as a watchman to guard the actions and protect the honor of your Companions, the plumb will admonish you to walk uprightly in your station, to balance the scales of justice, to preserve a just medium between austerity and intemperance, to subject your passions and prejudices to moral rectitude, and excite you to the more faithful performance of your duty. May your example so influence the conduct of the members of your Chapter, that at last, the GREAT WATCHMAN OF ISRAEL, whose eye never slumbers nor sleeps, may admit you

and them to refreshment as pure as it will be perfect.

"As a member of the Council, it is your privilege to be covered, and seated on the left of the High Priest.

"In the absence of the High Priest and King, you will preside in the Chapter; and therefore, must feel the necessity of your early and punctual attendance at every meeting. I am persuaded you will endeavor to perform every duty as much to the acceptance of your Companions, as to your own honor."

"*Companion*,

"You have been elected Captain of the Host. Your station is at the outward courts of the Tabernacle; your duty is to examine the travellers; and if found worthy, to qualify them for further service. You must be sensible that to perform the very important duties of your office, you must yourself be perfect in the mysteries of this exalted degree. I arm you with this sword, not only to mark your superiority over your Companions, but that you may therewith be able to protect them and maintain the honor of our Order."

"*Companion*,

"This Chapter have elected you to one of the most important offices at their disposal, that of Principal Sojourner. I present you with this wand, the badge of your office. Your duty is

to bring the blind by a way they knew not, and lead them in paths they have not known ; to make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight ; these things you are to do unto them and forsake them not. You must be sensible that your punctual attendance at the Chapter cannot well be dispensed with. Always use your best endeavors that your fellow-travellers be duly prepared and properly accommodated, while travelling the rugged paths ; so that, having sustained the horrors of captivity with fortitude, and the fatigues of their journey with patience ; having wrought diligently and found that which was lost, they may be admitted to the presence of the Council, and receive their merited reward.

" *Companion*,

Having been elected Royal Arch Captain to this Chapter, your duty is to guard the Sanctuary and to admit those only who are duly qualified. I arm you with this sword to enable you to execute your duty with fidelity and safety. The honor and peace of the council are in a great measure committed to your care ; never permit the former to be violated, or the latter disturbed."

" You, my Companions, are elected Masters of the Veils. Your duty is to guard the outer courts of the Tabernacle, and suffer none to pass or repass, but those who are duly and truly qualified, and have properly traced their genealogy."

" Master of the Red, I present you with this sword. Red denotes that fervency and zeal which ought to actute all Royal Arch Masons, and is peculiarly characteristic of this degree."

" Master of the Purple, accept this sword ; and recollect, that as purple is composed of a mixture of blue and red, it is therefore placed between the first and third veils of those colors, to denote that intimate connection, which subsists between this sublime degree, and Ancient Craft Masonry."

" Master of the Blue, I present you with this sword. Blue is an emblem of friendship ; and, as such, is characteristic of a Master Mason."

" Let your friendship, my Companions, be sincere and disinterested ; be firmly united in the cause in which you are engaged, and zealous in the discharge of the duties of the offices to which you have been elected. Then, although every rod becomes a serpent, and every serpent an enemy to the Craft, yet will their utmost vigilance and strongest exertions be as impotent as the leprous hand, or water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again."

" *Companion*,

" Reposing unlimited confidence in your honor and integrity, the members of this Chapter have elected you to the important office of their Treasurer. I now invest you with the badge of your office. These keys, will remind you, that

to your care is entrusted the property of the Chapter, which you will consider as a sacred deposit. Your duty is to receive all monies from the Secretary, keep a just and exact account of the same, and dispose of them at the pleasure of the Chapter. Your constant attendance at every meeting is necessary, that should distress and poverty assail any Companion, his widow or orphans, the Chapter may know the extent of their ability to relieve. Be faithful in the 'unrighteous mammon,' that you may be entrusted with the 'true riches.'"

"*Companion*,

"You being elected to the office of Secretary of this Chapter, I now invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office. Your duty is to observe with attention the transactions of the Chapter, to make a fair record of the same; to collect all monies, and pay them to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. Having faithfully recorded the transactions of your Chapter here below, and received the merited applause of your Companions, may you be admitted into the Celestial Grand Chapter above, and find your name recorded in the book of life.

E. and Rev. Companion,

You are appointed Chaplain of this Chapter; and I now invest you with this circular jewel, the badge of your office. It is emblematical of eternity, and reminds us that here is not our abiding place. Your inclination will undoubtedly conspire with your duty, when you perform in the Chapter those solemn services which created beings should constantly render to their infinite CREATOR; and which, when offered by one whose holy profession is, "to point to heaven and lead the way," may, by refining our morals, strengthening our virtues, and purifying our minds, prepare us for admission into the society of those above, whose happiness will be as endless as it is perfect.

"*Companions*,

"You are elected Stewards of this Chapter, in which station much depends on you. The preparations of candidates is an important duty, which, I trust, you will discharge with credit to yourselves, to the honor of the Chapter, and to the satisfaction and improvement of the prepared. You are now invested with the insignia of your office. You will distribute the regalia of the Chapter previous to the time of opening; and when the Chapter is closed, see that proper care is taken of the same."

"*Companion*,

"You are appointed Tyler to this Chapter. I now invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office. Your station is at the outside of the door; and your duty is to guard your Companions, and permit none to enter but the duly qualified. I present you with this sword: in your hand let it become like the flaming sword, which protected the Garden of Eden; and like

that, turn every way to guard the honor and peace of the Chapter."

23. The Grand Marshal is then directed to make proclamation as follows :—

"I am directed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest [*or presiding Grand Officer*] to proclaim, and I do hereby proclaim, that the officers of —— Chapter are installed in due and ancient form. All members of the Craft are required to take notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly. This proclamation is made from the East, once, twice, three times.

24. A Prayer.

25. An Address.

26. Benediction.

"The Lord be with you all; let brotherly love continue; be not forgetful to entertain strangers. Now the God of peace, our supreme High Priest, make you all perfect to do his will.

"Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace and good will to men. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be," &c.

27. Grand Procession, formed as before, and proceed to refreshment.

28. Grand Chapter conducted to their room and close.

REMARKS

ON THE

INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS

OF

THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, WITH A SHORT STATEMENT OF THE FORMS AND ORDER OF CEREMONIES.

By immemorial usage, every association of individuals of the Masonic Fraternity must, annually, be duly organized. This requires the installation and investiture of the officers of such association at the time of their election, according to ancient form. Agreeably to this principle is the second article of the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, requiring the Installation of the Grand Officers at the annual meeting. Such part of the ceremony, a knowledge of which may be useful to the Craft generally, is as follows :—

1. The person elected Grand High Priest, having been notified of his election by a committee, under the direction of the Grand Marshal,

and having accepted, is introduced to the presiding Grand High Priest, or in the case of re-election, to the Deputy Grand High Priest.

2. The Grand High Priest elect, then notifies the Grand Chapter of his acceptance and readiness to make the declaration required by the third article of the Constitution, and be installed in due and ancient form.

3. He is then conducted to the altar by the Grand Marshal, and makes the necessary declaration, assisted by the Grand presiding officer.

4. Being reconducted, he is addressed by the Grand presiding officer, as follows:—

"Having been elected to the high and responsible office of Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, and having accepted that important trust, and made the necessary declaration, I shall now proceed to install you into office. It is a station which requires the performance of great and arduous duties; duties which those alone, who have not only acquired great Masonic information, but who constantly adorn their conduct in life with every Christian virtue, can well and properly discharge. Let us," &c. (*Repair to the altar. Invocation by G. Chaplain. Rise.*)

"*Most Excellent*,

"The members of this Grand Chapter having designated you as a Companion such as I have

described, I now with pleasure," &c. (*Repeating such parts of the address, on page* 31, *as are applicable.*)

5. He then directs the members of the Grand Chapter to salute the Grand High Priest with the honors of Royal Arch Masonry, and the Grand Marshal to proclaim his due installation.

6. The Grand High Priest directs the Grand Marshal to announce his appointment of officers, required by the second article of the Constitution, who, after the installation of each officer of the Grand Chapter, is directed to make the usual proclamation.

7. Grand High Priest then installs Deputy Grand High Priest.

"*Most Excellent*,

"You have been elected Deputy G. H. Priest, and having made the necessary declaration, I invest you with this jewel, and place upon you this covering, the insignia of your office. They naturally call to remembrance the period of the return of the Jews from captivity at Babylon, when their High Priests were invested with supreme authority, and held Grand Masonic Councils at Jerusalem. In my absence it will be your duty to preside over the deliberations of this Grand Chapter, and, when present, to afford me your aid and assistance. I have full confi-

dence that I express the opinion and belief of this Grand Chapter, when I say, you will so discharge your duty as to represent by your conduct 'the path of the just, which like the shining light, will shine more and more, even unto the perfect day.'"

8. The Grand High Priest installs the Grand King, Grand Scribe, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, the Three Masters of the Veils, Treasurer, and Secretary, investing them with their respective jewels, and giving them the necessary charges. (*See pages* 33 *to* 38.)

9. The Grand Chaplain is then invested.

"*Excellent and Rev. Companion*,

"You are appointed Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter, and I now invest you with this jewel, the badge of your office. It is emblematical of Eternity, and reminds us that here is not our abiding place. Your inclination will undoubtedly conspire with your duty, when you perform in the Grand Chapter those solemn services which created beings should constantly render to their infinite CREATOR; and which, when offered by one whose holy profession is, 'to point to Heaven and lead the way,' may, by refining our morals, strengthening our virtues, and purifying our minds, prepare us for admission into the society of those above, whose happiness will be as endless as it is perfect."

10. The remaining Grand Officers are installed with suitable charges. (*See page* 39.)

11. The direction of the Grand High Priest to the Grand Marshal, to proclaim the due organization of the Grand Royal Chapter, concludes.

OBSERVATIONS

CONCERNING

The Order of High Priesthood,

AND THE

CEREMONY OF CONFERRING THE SAME.

THE Order of High Priesthood cannot be conferred on any Companion except him, who shall have been duly elected to preside as High Priest in a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. This Order should not be conferred when a less number than three duly qualified High Priests are present. Whenever the ceremony is performed with a solemnity appropriate to the degree, the assistance of at least nine High Priests, who have received it, is requisite.

Though the High Priest of every regular Royal Arch Chapter, having himself been properly qualified, can confer the Order under the preceding limitation, as to number, yet it is desirable, when circumstances will permit, that it should be conferred by the Massachusetts

Convention of High Priests. This Convention was instituted for the purpose of conferring this degree in a style suitable to its dignity and importance. All the proceedings of the Convention are approved and sanctioned by the Grand Chapter.

It is recommended to every candidate desirous of receiving the Order of High Priesthood, to make application to the President of the Convention. The President on receiving notice will direct the Secretary to call a meeting of the Convention at such time as may suit the convenience of the applicant. When the Convention meets and is duly organized, a certificate of the due election of the candidate into the office of High Priest must be produced. This certificate is signed by his predecessor in office, attested by the Secretary of the Chapter. On examination of this certificate, the qualifications of the candidate for admission to this honorable and sublime degree of Masonry are ascertained. The solemn ceremonies of conferring the Order upon him, then ensue. When ended, the presiding officer directs the Secretary of the Convention to make a record of the proceedings, and return it to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter to be by him laid before the Grand

High Priest for the information of all whom it may concern. The Convention of High Priests is then closed in due form.

The Secretary of the Grand Chapter keeps a roll of all who have been admitted to the Order of High Priesthood.

Any Companion, who has received this degree, may become a member of the Convention by complying with its Rules and signing the Constitution.

It is the duty of every Companion, as soon after his election into the office of High Priest, as is consistent with his personal convenience, to apply for admission to the Order of High Priesthood, that he may be fully qualified properly to govern his Chapter.

Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Benj. Hurd, Charlestown.
*Dudley A Tyng, Boston.
*Timothy Bigelow, Medford.
*Isaiah Thomas, Worcester.
*O. Prescott, Newburyport.
*Jas D Hopkins, Portland.
*John Abbot, Westford
*Andrew Sigourney, Boston.
*James Prescott, Groton
*Jona. Gage, Newburyport.
Rev. Paul Dean, Boston.
*Daniel L. Gibbens, Boston.
Rev Saml. Clark, Princeton.
*Josiah J Fiske, Wrentham.
Edward A Raymond, Boston.
Simon W. Robinson, Boston.
John B. Hammatt, Boston.
*Elijah Atherton, Stoughton.
Thomas Tolman Boston.
Charles W. Moore, Boston.
Benja. Huntoon, Marblehead.
Stephen Lovell, Boston.

PAST D. GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

J. Greenleaf, Newburyport.
*Simon Elliot, Boston
*Benjamin Russell, Boston
*S L. Knapp, Newburyport.
*Henry Fowle, Boston.
*Augustus Peabody, Boston.
Robert Lash, Boston.
Gardner Ruggles, Barre.
Elias Haskell, Boston.
*Ruel Baker, Boston.
Gilbert Nurse, Boston.
Winslow Lewis, jr. Boston.
Timo. Ingraham, N Bedford.
E M. P. Wells, Boston.
Joseph Bedlow, Lowell.

PAST GRAND KINGS.

*Jas. Harrison Charlestown.
*William McKean, Boston.
Charles Jackson, do.
*Gil. White, Newburyport.
*David Coffin, do.
*Amos Toppan, do
*Wm Woart, do.
*Jos Brown, Newburyport.
*Caleb Butler, Groton.
Henry Whipple, Salem.
R. S. Spofford, Newburyport.
*Charles Train, Framingham.
Wm Whiting, Concord.
Enoch Hobart, Boston.
John R. Bradford, do.
William Eaton, do.
Lucien B. Keith, Bridgewater.
Samuel Willard, Boston.
John Flint, Boston.
James W. Crooks, Springfield.
Eben. W. Tolman, Stoughton.

*Deceased.

PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

*S. Howard, Newburyport.
*Abraham Perkins, do.
*Nathl Knapp, do.
Roswell Lee, Springfield.
*S A. Otis, Newburyport.
*Thomas Cary, Jr. do
*Thos. P. Jackson, Boston.
Sumner Barstow, Charlestown.
*Henry Purkitt, Boston
*James Morse, Newburyport.
*Daniel Baxter, Boston.
John J. Loring, do.
Charles Wells, do.
Robert Keith, do.
Henry Earl, Worcester.
Jonas A. Marshall, Fitchburg.
Horace Chenery. Worcester.
John McClellan, Boston.

PAST GRAND TREASURERS.

*Jonathan Gage.
*Gilman White.
*Henry Fowle.
*Elisha Sigourney.
*Andrew Sigourney.
*Thomas P. Jackson.
A. A. Dame.
John Hews.
Robert Keith.

PAST GRAND SECRETARIES.

*William Woart.
*Seth Sweetser.
*Thomas Jackson.
*Edward Horsman.
John J. Loring.
*Samuel Howe.

OFFICERS IN 1856.

DANIEL HARWOOD, *High Priest.*

SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON, *Dep. Grand High Priest.*

JONATHAN G. JOHNSON, *Grand King.*

A. A. DAME, *Grand Scribe.*

PETER C. JONES, *Grand Treasurer.*

THOMAS WATERMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

STEPHEN LOVELL, *Grand Lecturer.*

Chapters under the Jurisdiction.

St. Andrew's,	Boston.
King Cyrus,	Newburyport.
Washington,	Salem.
Adoniram,	New Bedford.
Morning Star,	Springfield.
Franklin,	Greenfield.
St. Paul's,	Boston.
Mount Zion,	Stoughton.
Thomas,	Fitchburg.
Worcester,	Worcester.
Northampton,	Northampton.
Concord,	Framingham.
Mount Horeb,	Lowell.
Sutton,	Sutton.
Mount Lebanon,	Milford.
St. John's,	East Boston.
Chapter of the Shekinah,	Chelsea.

☞ *Communications to the Grand Chapter, may be made to the Grand Secretary, Boston.*